

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S4931–S5027*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2390–2393, S.J. Res. 37, S. Res. 353–355, and S. Con. Res. 104.

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#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 1423, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–259)

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#### **Measures Passed:**

**Condemning Sudan:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 99, condemning the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its participation and complicity in the attacks against innocent civilians in the impoverished Darfur region of western Sudan, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the amendment to the preamble.

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**Family Opportunity Act:** Senate passed S. 622, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Grassley Amendment No. 3119, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Taiwan:** Senate passed S. 2092, to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Brown v. Board of Education Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 349, recognizing and honoring May 17, 2004, as the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of*

*Education of Topeka*, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Brown v. Board of Education Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 102, to express the sense of the Congress regarding the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Record Production Authority:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 355, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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**Motherhood:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 348, to protect, promote, and celebrate motherhood, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Treaties Approved:** The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Additional Protocol to Investment Treaty with Romania Treaty Doc. 108–13.

Additional Protocol Amending Investment Treaty with Bulgaria Treaty Doc. 108–15.

Investment Protocol with Estonia Treaty Doc. 108–17.

Additional Investment Protocol with the Czech Republic Treaty Doc. 108–18.

Additional Investment Protocol with the Slovak Republic Treaty Doc. 108–19.

Additional Investment Protocol with Latvia Treaty Doc. 108–20.

Additional Investment Protocol with Lithuania Treaty Doc. 108–21.

Additional Protocol Concerning Business and Economic Relations with Poland Treaty Doc. 108–22.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 95 yeas 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 85), John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Ambassador to Iraq. Pages S4951–80

Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea.

Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Craig A. Kelly, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Thomas Bolling Robertson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

Marc McGowan Wall, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

John Campbell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Michael Christian Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro.

John M. Ordway, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Thomas Charles Krajewski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Michael W. Marine, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon.

Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Richard LeBaron, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Ralph Leo Boyce, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

John Marshall Evans, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

John D. Rood, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Fredrick W. Rohlfing III, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 2003.

Jose A. Fourquet, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2004, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2003.

Jose A. Fourquet, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2004, which was sent to the Senate on October 1, 2003.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—85)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 7, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5025–26.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### ENERGY PRODUCTION: BIOMASS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine new opportunities for agriculture, focusing on the use of biomass, which is any living matter that can be converted into usable energy through biological or chemical processes, and encompasses feedstocks such as agricultural crops and their residues, animal wastes, wood, wood residues and grasses, and municipal wastes use in energy production, after receiving testimony from former Representative Thomas Ewing, on